



The Gettysburg Quarterly

“Ambassador Corps” Volunteer Program Created as Park Celebrates the Tenth Anniversary of Expanded Volunteer Programs

Gettysburg National Military Park is celebrating 10 years of expanded volunteer programs this year. In 1996 the park created the Park Watch volunteer patrol program, the Adopt-a-Position program, and the Living History volunteer program. Last year alone the park had 1,904 volunteers who donated 27,885 hours. Over the past ten years the total hours of service from volunteers was 491,771 hours! At an average value of \$13.00 per hour, that's \$6,393,023 in donated labor and services over ten years!

As a pilot program for the summer of 2006, the park is creating a new volunteer program called the **Ambassador Corps**. Ambassador Corps volunteers will roam on foot in the areas between the Visitor Center and Cyclorama Center parking lots, the Visitor Center front porch, and within the museum itself during our busiest seasons. We envision this new type of volunteer will likely serve three primary functions: provide visitor services at a point of contact away from the Visitor Center information desk; monitor visitor activities before problems arise; and rotate through the museum to answer questions about the museum collection, displays, the battle, the war – and about our new museum and visitor center.

We are looking for individuals who would be able to volunteer at least one four-hour shift each week during the summer months. These four-hour shifts will be divided between indoor and outdoor stations, and may possibly

involve an outdoor covered booth for those concerned with sun and rain and other effects of being outdoors. Training will be provided. Applicants do not need to be “experts” on the Battle of Gettysburg or the park – although an interest in the place and in people is certainly helpful.

If you have any friends, acquaintances, relatives who are friendly and service-oriented and may be interested in being involved in the pilot season (July) of this exciting new volunteer position, please contact Barbara Sanders by email at Barbara_Sanders@nps.gov or call at (717) 334-1124 x420.



Volunteer Donald G. Schlosser will end his 15 years of service to the park in June.

Partner Merger Strengthens Support for Gettysburg and Eisenhower

On April 24th Gettysburg National Military Park's two primary partners announced their plans to merge, creating the Gettysburg Foundation. The new organization, a private, nonprofit educational organization, will continue to work in partnership with the National Park Service to enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg.

The merger of the Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg and the Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation becomes official June 30, 2006. The two organizations already have begun to combine operations. The Museum Foundation is relocating its offices to space adjacent to the site of the new Museum and Visitor Center at 1195 Baltimore Pike. Until the new Museum and Visitor Center opens in 2008, that will serve as the headquarters for the Gettysburg Foundation. Some Foundation staff also will be located at and continue to manage the Rupp House on Baltimore Street.

In joining together, the Friends and the Museum Foundation combine very distinct strengths in support of a common mission. These strengths include thousands of volunteers, a variety of on- and off-site educational programs, a successful track record of fundraising at the five-, six- and seven-figure level among corporate, foundation and individual donors, and an established grassroots fundraising network.

"Friends of Gettysburg" — the thousands of members who have, since 1989, contributed their time and their talent in support of the park's preservation and educational missions — will continue to be the face of the organization.

"Together we can ensure that these national treasures at Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site are preserved and remain unimpaired for future generations," said Park Superintendent John Latschar of the merger. "I look forward to many more years of rolling up our sleeves together to build fences, protect the land, preserve monuments, teach the young, raise awareness, and all of those things we have done so well. I very much look forward to working together to build and operate a new Museum and Visitor Center, and remove modern intrusions from and rehabilitate the Union battle line at Cemetery Ridge."

Museum Foundation President Robert C. Wilburn will assume the duties of President and Chief Executive Officer of the new Gettysburg Foundation. Wilburn, who has served as president of the Museum Foundation since October 2000, noted that the new Gettysburg Foundation not only will be able to enhance and expand existing programs, it also will create new ones. Supporters will enjoy a greater variety of opportunities to become engaged in programs and activities that benefit the park.

"To succeed, we must connect with our visitors, both on- and off-site. We have to do more than preserve the past. We also must find

ways to use the memorials — the battlefields, the monuments and the artifacts — to excite and inspire and spark a desire to know more," Wilburn said. "Together, we can help to ensure that Gettysburg's programs and exhibits invite exploration of all of the issues related to the Civil War, its causes and consequences. We can enhance our ongoing efforts to preserve and restore, and expand

the successful programs that promote learning, because an important element of our battlefields and museums is the emotional response that sparks the desire to know more."

"The Friends, as the multi-purpose park partner, has been committed for 17 years to its mission to honor, support, protect and enhance the resources associated with Gettysburg and its national parks," said Barbara J. Finfrock, Friends' chair of the board. "This is an opportunity that will allow the Friends to do even more to meet that commitment and expand our support to the park, while at the same time enhancing opportunities for our members. This is absolutely the best step

that we could take to ensure that Gettysburg and its valuable lessons and resources are preserved for future generations."

Finfrock will be vice-chairman of the board of the Gettysburg Foundation. Robert A. Kinsley, currently chairman of the Museum Foundation's board, will chair the new Foundation board.



Celebrating the announcement at the annual Friends' banquet are Bob Wilburn, left, Superintendent John Latschar, and Barbara Finfrock. Photo courtesy of Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg.



Gettysburg National Military Park, established in 1895, is the site of the great Civil War battle that repulsed the second Confederate invasion of the North. The mission of the National Park Service at Gettysburg is to preserve and protect the resources associated with the battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers' National Cemetery and provide an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American history.

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Update on Vandalized Monuments — Still Asking for Information from the Public



Members of the 114th Pennsylvania Volunteers Reenacting Group celebrated the resetting of the monument on March 9. From left to right are: Shaun Grenan, Marc Hermann, Tom Bollander, and Chris Aronhalt.

Gettysburg NMP Protection Rangers continue to investigate the vandalism of three Civil War monuments which occurred during the nighttime or early morning hours of February 15-16, 2006. Park Law Enforcement officers have shared information with the F.B.I. and with state and local law enforcement agencies. The park is investigating some leads, and is still looking for more information from the public. The Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg and other organizations and individuals have posted a reward of \$36,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the recent monument vandalism.

We have made some progress on repairs. Park monument preservation specialists

repaired the bronze figure from the 114th Pennsylvania Infantry Monument and reset it on its pedestal on March 9. The monument crew fabricated a new ramrod, which had been stolen, carefully removed gouges, and refurbished the bronze figure. Repairs are underway on the cast iron fence that surrounds the monument.

We also have fairly good news about the Smith's Battery Monument (4th New York Battery). The park has located a monument in Manchester, New Hampshire, with an identical artilleryman created by the same sculptor, Casper (Carl) Burberl. If the missing pieces from Smith's Battery are not recovered, the park plans to go to Manchester and make a rubber mold of the head and the rammer so they can cast new bronze elements for the 4th NY artilleryman and return the restored figure to his pedestal.

We have been unsuccessful so far in our search for a three-dimensional model for the 11th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Monument, which featured a carved granite arm holding a sword. When vandals pulled the top stone and sculpture off its base, the sculpture was shattered and pieces of the forearm and hand were stolen, along with a bronze sword. The park has a pattern for the sword because it had been stolen in the 1990s and park staff had replicated a new one.

Sculpting the new granite arm will be very difficult without a model. The *Boston Herald* ran a story asking for the public's help and as a result the park has been in contact with descendants of the original granite company that sculpted the monument. They have written records and some drawings but they no longer have any models or copies.

Estimates for the repair costs for Smith's Battery and the 11th Massachusetts monuments and the historic fence are between \$55,000 and \$65,000. As of May 11, 2006, the park has received 68 donations from organizations and individuals, totaling \$12,560 for the needed repairs.

The phone number for anyone with any information that may help in the investigation is (717) 334-0909.



The figure from Smith's Battery, above, was pulled down and dragged 162 feet. Its head and rammer were stolen.

Where was my Spring Gettysburg Quarterly?

If you missed the spring edition of the *Gettysburg Quarterly*, you're not alone. Because of a shortfall in this year's operating budget, park management had to make some hard decisions to find cost savings. As a result there will only be three issues of the *Gettysburg Quarterly* published this year. The spring edition was cancelled.

Dave Dreier is Retiring "After 28 Glorious Years"

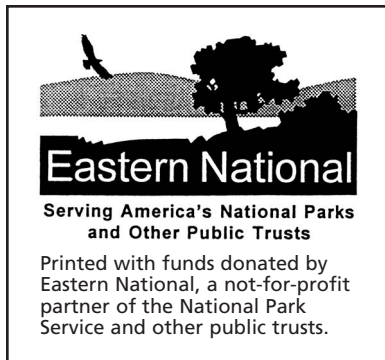


Gettysburg Chief of Maintenance Dave Dreier

Gettysburg Chief of Maintenance Dave Dreier began his career with the NPS after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. Various duties have taken him to jobs in parks and offices as diverse as Delaware Water Gap NRA, Big Bend NP, the Philadelphia regional office, and Gettysburg NMP. What were the highlights of his career? "My whole career has been a highlight," said Dreier. "I never worked anywhere I didn't like. I've been fortunate." His retirement will be effective on June 30th.

Other recent retirements include Park Ranger Becky Lyons (Interpretation), who retired in April after 36 years, and Protection Ranger Laurie Gantz, who retired in May after 26 years.

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Report Focuses on Gettysburg and Other Park's Funding Needs

In March 2006, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) published a report on operations and funding trends at national parks. The GAO study examined 12 parks including Gettysburg and found that, when adjusted for inflation, the average national park's daily operations funding actually decreased by 0.3 percent per year over the last five years. During this same period project-related funding increased for the parks.

The report and the news stories that followed its release have helped to shed light on an ongoing problem affecting the Gettysburg and Eisenhower parks. In response to questions from GAO and the news media, we have reported the following cumulative impacts of reductions in "purchasing power" since 2001:

	2001	2006
Permanent employees	90	77
Seasonal employees* (*paid from park base funds)	28	5
Maintenance backlog	\$36.4 million	\$49.7 million
Reduction in purchasing power from FY2001		(-) \$1,686,584
<i>Purchasing power – The comparable cost of doing business from one year to the next. If costs increase faster than appropriations, the result is a decline in "purchasing power."</i>		

To help address the issue, Gettysburg and Eisenhower staff are participating in three national initiatives — the Business Plan, Core Operations Analysis, and the park Scorecard — to identify operational conditions, and address fiscal performance,

and identify efficiencies. The Business Plan was completed in 2002. We have just started the year-long process called Core Operations Analysis, and the Scorecard is being finalized in the Washington office.